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AMENDED TO SHOW CHANGE IN ITEM 1
LEPC Minutes
Meeting of June 13, 2013

Geoff Billin opened the meeting at 9:05 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the April 11, 2013 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (15):

*Craig Van Tine, Transportation Director, COAST

*Nancy Chaney, Mayor, City of Moscow

*Jesse Flowers, Information Systems Director, City of Moscow

Laurel Caldwell, Information Technology Services Director, Latah County

Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services

Geoff Billin, Amateur Radio Emergency Services; LEPC Vice-Chair

David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow

Fred Hutchison, Safety Officer, University of Idaho Environmental, Health and Safety

Patrice McDaniel, Emergency Management Director, University of Idaho

Jason Boal, Associate Planner, Latah County Planning and Building

Dave Reynolds, EMS Division Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department

Kayla Moehrle, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District

Ed Button, Fire Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department

Dan Carscallen, North Latah County Highway District Clerk/City of Moscow Council Member

Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services/LEPC Coordinator, Latah County

(* Indicates new attendees)

1. Special Election for a New LEPC Chairperson

A special election was held due to Alan Allbee stepping down as Chair. The attendees agreed to appoint Elizabeth King as the new Chairperson. ~~The Latah Board of County Commissioners signed the recommendation.~~

2. Council on Aging and Human Services (Craig Van Tine)

Craig provided some very beneficial information regarding their organization and services. COAST is based in Colfax, but has outlets in Moscow, Grangeville and Orofino. Craig also mentioned that, as long as their families are safe and depending on the incident, they could assist in a disaster using their vehicles to help with evacuation.

- They do not compete for services, but there's some competition when it comes to applying for grants

- They feel that everyone has the freedom to live where they want and still have transportation access
- Paid and volunteer drivers are utilized. Drivers receive mileage reimbursement monthly and need their own insurance. No CDL is required
- Most vehicles are handicapped accessible.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Council on Aging and Human Services is a private, non-profit, public-benefit organization committed to enhancing lives and supporting communities. To accomplish the Mission, the CoA&HS provides nutrition services to Whitman County residents, and transportation services to residents in selected Washington and Idaho Counties.

If you are interested in assisting COAST with transportation, please contact the following:

- In WA: 1-800-873-9996
- In ID: 1-800-967-2899

3. 2013 Wild Fire Season

Ed Button said that the drought is continuing and Moscow Mountain is very dry. The Moscow Volunteer Fire Department has been testing all their equipment to ensure that everything will be ready in case of wild fires. He mentioned that fire season could possibly be the same as 2012, but it depends on ignition. In 2012 Latah County was very fortunate. There will be a pre-season fire workshop, but the date hasn't been determined yet.

4. Point of Dispensing (POD) Exercise Overview

Kay Moehrle said this was a statewide seven district exercise over a three-day period: (1) April 29 the Emergency Operations Center was activated; (2) Medicines were received from Boise; (3) May 1 there were 46 players (including Medical Reserve Corps) and 60 victims. Amateur radio operators from NezPerce County was on hand if needed. Medications were very well dispersed, with the goal of distributing 1000 medications per hour.

5. Frontier Communications Outage (May 23, 2013)

Attendees discussed the situation and provided suggestions, such as more than one avenue of communications is necessary. Mayor Nancy Chaney suggested we put together a table top exercise to discuss the issue, including other communication agencies on board to come up with a solution for redundancy of communications. This could be done by the various agencies working together to fill in the gaps if one system is down. The outage wasn't universal and didn't affect all 911 and cell phones, and some businesses closed for the day. All emergencies were responded to. The amateur radio operators could have assisted if needed.

6. Training/Events

June 29 = Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Full-Scale Exercise (Latah County Fairgrounds)

July 13 = Troy Day

August 1 = Region II Fire Co-op Meeting, 4:00 pm (Moscow Fire Department, 229 Pintail Lane)

August 3 = Deary Day

August 13-15 = 2013 10th Annual Tribal Emergency Preparedness Conference (Spokane WA)

September 15-17 = Idaho Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters Conference (McCall)
September 19-22 = Latah County Fair (Latah County Fairgrounds)
September 28 = University of Idaho Homecoming

7. Other Business

(a) Region II, which includes five counties and the Tribe, has formed the North Central Idaho Public Information Officer (PIO)/Joint Information System (JIS)/Joint Information Center (JIC) committee. They have adopted a Mission Statement and have a plan in place to assist with dissemination of information for an emergency or public event.

(b) Officer Newbill's Child Safety Fair was a big hit on June 1. There were 520 bicycle helmets handed out plus 40 coupons. Over 700 hot dogs were provided free by the Rotary Club. Two names were drawn for free bicycles.

The next meeting is August 8, 2013 at 9:00 am. (We will have two guest speakers)

Thank you Craig Van Tine for taking time from your busy schedule to provide a very informative presentation!

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins